

# News from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services



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## DES Announces New Pet Waste Outreach Grant and Workshop

Concord, N.H. - The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) is seeking grant proposals to conduct education and outreach projects to protect waterways from dog waste pollution. DES can help you improve area water quality through a pet waste outreach campaign modeled on a successful project implemented in Dover, New Hampshire.

Qualified applicants include municipalities and nonprofit organizations in New Hampshire. The deadline for proposals is March 30, 2007. For assistance in developing the grant proposal, grant applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the free Pet Waste Outreach Project Design Workshop offered on February 15, 2007 from 4:30 to 6:30 at the DES Pease office in Portsmouth, N.H.

Dog waste is more than a nightmare for our shoes. Just like human sewage, untreated pet fecal matter is harmful to waterways. Rain washes dog waste and the associated disease-causing organisms, such as giardia and salmonella, into rivers, beaches and bays via storm drains. Enough bacteria make water unsafe for drinking and swimming and also contribute to shellfish bed closures.

Potential pet waste grant applicants are also encouraged to incorporate the guidance of a new how-to manual, which provides step by step guidance to designing and implementing a well researched and sound pet waste outreach campaign. It gives readers background information to help decide if they want to start a pet waste outreach campaign, shows how to implement and promote a successful campaign, and provides suggested outreach activities, resources and examples to make the campaigns easier.

A total of \$50,000 is available for projects, and a minimum 40 percent cost-share of the total project cost is required. Funds for the pet waste outreach grants are made available through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Nonpoint Source Pollution Program and grant agreements will be administered by DES.

For more information or to register for the workshop, contact Sally Soule at [ssoule@des.state.nh.us](mailto:ssoule@des.state.nh.us) or 559-0032. For a grant application and the new guidance manual, visit the DES website at <http://www.des.nh.gov/Coastal/scoopthepoop.htm>.

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